

Joint Board Meeting

MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2012

9:30 AM – 11:43 AM

COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE

MEETING CALLED BY	Executive Council
TYPE OF MEETING	Annual
NOTE TAKER	Meredith Hertlein (MH) – Office Administrator
ATTENDEES	Phil Wagenblast (PW) – Commissioner Joel Stanford (JS) – Junior Competition Director (2011/2012 Season) George Fetz (GF) – Adult Competition Director Tim Countryman (TC) – Officials Chair Bill Doyle (BD) – Education Doug Levine (DL) – Girls-at-Large Representative Kym Motten (KM) – Boy-at-Large Representative Bob Baker (BB) – NJ Representative (2011/2012 Season); Junior Competition Director (2012/2013 Season) Merlin Thompson (MT) – NYC Representative Dan Altro (DA) – Northern Counties Representative Rony Gilot (RG) – Men's A/AA Representative Lauren Schmidt (LS) – Women's A/AA Representative Jacques Benoit (JB) – Men's B Representative

BOYS-AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE & GIRLS-AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE

DISCUSSION	On August 1 st , an election was held for the Boys-at-Large and Girls-at-Large Representatives.	
CONCLUSIONS	Doug Levine retained his position as the Girls-at-Large Representative and GEVA is happy to welcome Kym Motten as the new Boys-at-Large Representative.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
No Action Required	N/A	N/A

JUNIOR COMPETITION COMMITTEE CHAIR ELECTION

DISCUSSION	Joel Stanford did not seek re-election to his Committee Chair. Bob Baker was nominated to take the position.	
CONCLUSIONS	Bob Baker won the election with a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstaining proxy. BB will be the Junior Competition Committee Chair as of August 5, 2012. Annie Hung was appointed his replacement as the NJ Representative.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
No Action Required	N/A	N/A

BYLAWS CHANGES

DISCUSSION	BB had the following comments	
1) Section 10.3.1 doesn't seem specific to GEVA; it should reference the GEVA Operating Code as along w/ the handbook in item g.		
2) Everything is initiated by the Commissioner and it may be easier if Area Representatives were able to initiate items. (T his had been addressed prior to the meeting and no change in required.)		
JS also commented that the paragraph just below section 10.3.1.g identifies the Conflicts Committee as being comprised of Board Members. As this is not the case, he advised removing the phrase "the regional Board Members comprising."		
CONCLUSIONS	The proposal to accept two minor changes passed 9-0-2. The proposal to accept the Bylaws passed 11-0-2.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Make two minor changes to the Bylaws and publish		

LEGAL ISSUE 1: POWERZONE LAWSUIT

DISCUSSION	A spectator injury from the 2010 season has resulted in a lawsuit. A summary letter from GEVA's lawyer was presented.	
CONCLUSIONS	PW has further information available upon request.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
No Action Required	N/A	N/A

LEGAL ISSUE 2: PICKRELL RE-HEARING

DISCUSSION	A new Incident Review Committee hearing needs to be scheduled and will hopefully take place this month, August 2012.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Initiate re-hearing	PW	Week of August 5, 2012

JUNIOR COMPETITION COMMITTEE MAY MEETING

DISCUSSION	A summary of the meeting was presented: A) GEVA is the fastest growing region in USAV. B) The current competition level is great. C) There will be minor tweaks to the program in the upcoming season.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
No Action Required	N/A	N/A

GROWING GEVA

DISCUSSION	As GEVA grows the Board should consider hiring staff.	
CONCLUSIONS	A treasurer/accountant, a secretary, and others may be beneficial to the growing region.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
No Action Set	N/A	N/A

ADULT COMPETITION COMMITTEE JUNE MEETING

DISCUSSION	A summary of the meeting was presented: A) Two new Representatives were elected: Laura Bellotti as the Women's BB Representative and Peter Amadeo as the Men's BB Representative. B) Tournaments filled better this past season. C) College Clubs will get GEVA memberships. D) Tournament Directors for Adult Tournaments will begin paying Sanction Fees for non-GEVA-run tournaments. E) The Player Handbook is under review. F) A Tournament Director's Handbook is needed. G) The Spike Force National issue was introduced. It is currently under discussion by the Adult Competition Committee.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
No Action Required	N/A	N/A	

HEAD REFEREE REPORT

DISCUSSION	TC gave a summary report of his season: He attended the PAVO convention and well as meetings at the Open. He held 2 annual meetings with his referees. Five clinics were held this past season. He also reported on the current GEVA membership numbers.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
No Action Required	N/A	N/A	

NATIONALS

DISCUSSION	TC was the GEVA representative this year as a proxy for PW. He reported on the RVA meetings he attended. This year's theme was "Due Process." TC distributed very thorough notes from these meetings.		
CONCLUSION			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
No Action Required	N/A	N/A	

YEAR END STATISTICAL REPORT

DISCUSSION	The year-end statistical report was presented. Our regional report shows an increase in membership of approximately 1200. The Profit and Loss Report was also presented.		
CONCLUSION			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
No Action Required	N/A	N/A	

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION VOTE

DISCUSSION	Need to amend the location as well as where funds go if GEVA dissolves.		
CONCLUSION	It was agreed that A) Office location may be moved as long as we remain in compliance with NYS law. And B) we will work to comply with USAV bylaws in regards to dissolution of GEVA.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
No Action Set			